

January 18.

The Western Star of Wednesday has the following items of interest:

"About 2500 men were engaged in the fishery. They had in use 400 boats; 157 dories; 2825 nets. Up to January 6, 142,640 barrels of herring had been procured by the vessels, and were valued at \$467,100. Besides this there were shipments by rail to local and other points, which would total up to another couple of thousand dollars. Four Gloucester firms despatched 44 cargoes, made up as follows: Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., 21; Davis Bros., 8; Cunningham & Thompson, 8; Orlando Merchant, 7; the other cargoes taken to America were represented by ten firms."

"Mr. Chaney Hall, of Gloucester, returned home Monday. During the past three months Mr. Hall was in Bay of Islands accountant for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., and during that period paid out for labor and other requisites about \$40,000, and he has left behind him a valuable record for fair and square dealing."

"Mr. James Young, son of Capt. Paul Young, Petrie Crossing, left by Monday's train to seek a position in Gloucester."

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TO ALLOW SUNDAY CLAMMING. Representative Fogg of Newburyport has introduced into this year's legislature a bill which is brief and to the point, and which should attract no little attention in this locality. The bill is simply to give clambers and fishermen the right to pursue their vocations on Sundays, in common with any other class of industry where no harm is done to the religious principles of other people.

The Newburyport News has taken up the bill as introduced by Representative Fogg and gives it its editorial approval, pointing out that it affects many people in that city and that its passage would be a help to them.

On account of the tides it is figured that at the most these "clambers," the men who dig clams for a living, can at the outside get in but five hours work daily, for five days in a week, and that therefore they should be given the right to take advantage of every tidal opportunity, even when that opportunity falls on the Sabbath.

It is also pointed out that under the present law, the men who dig clams for a living cannot go upon the flats on the Sabbath without being regarded as law breakers, and they claim that this should not be so, and that they should be allowed to dig and earn for themselves and their families whenever the tide gives them the chance.

In this city and in Essex, there are many men who earn their livings by clamming, and they of course will be affected by the provisions of the bill, if it passes, and they will doubtless be heard from when the hearing on the bill is held.

The question is a broad one. Of course the law has forbidden the digging of clams on the Sabbath, for commercial purposes, but in most localities the law is not enforced. Over Newburyport way, however, it has been in force, and this probably explains why the bill had its conception in a representative from that district.

The chances are that the hearing on the bill will be a lively one. As against rigid enforcement of the Sabbath and old blue laws, the clambers would seem to have contentions which are worthy of consideration. Their lot is a hard one, and their labor tiring, for they have to get in a full day's labor between tides. They claim that their compensation is small at best, and that to allow them to dig on Sundays would actually disturb no one and give them a chance to provide a little better for themselves and their families.

When the rich and near-rich can play golf and whirl through the country in big automobiles at the rate of 50 or 60 miles an hour when those who can dress up and go and enjoy band concerts, when places of amusement are wide open—and all on Sunday in Puritanical New England, we fail to see where there can be objection to the hard working clambers, going on the flats on Sunday, and for a few brief hours, toil to wrest their sustenance from the mud and sand. The most serious objection to the bill is that by letting down the bars in this instance, other industries which have been the plea of necessity as in the case of the clambers, would be emboldened to ask a like exemption.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Grayling, Bay of Islands, 700 bbls. frozen herring, 280 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Saladin, Bay of Islands, 280 bbls. frozen herring, 600 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Athletic, Bay of Islands, 800 bbls. frozen herring, 325 bbls. salt herring.
Br. sch. Eva June, Bay of Islands, 1500 bbls. frozen herring.

Todays Fish Market.

Market price large western cod to split, \$2.25 per cwt., medium do., \$1.50.

Large eastern cod, \$2.25. medium do., \$1.50.

Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.50 for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh hake, \$1.10 per cwt.

Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Salt herring, in bulk, \$3.50 per bbl.

Frozen herring, (cargo lots,) \$3.25 per cwt.

Boston.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 2300 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Marguerite, 3000 cod.

Sch. Wodan, 600 cod.

Sch. Nettie, 800 cod.

Sch. Esther Gray, 1500 haddock, 3500 cod.

Sch. Manomet, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 7000 haddock, 200 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 800 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 pollock.

Haddock, \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$3; pollock, \$3.50; hake, \$3.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

The British sch. Ehtel, bound for this port from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of frozen herring, was at Halifax, January 15.

Sch. Senator Gardner was at Liverpool, N. S., Wednesday, for harbor. She is bound home from Bay of Islands with a cargo of frozen herring.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, Natalie J. Nelson, Cynthia, Flirt, Vanessa and a number of others were harbored at Shelburne, N. S., on Tuesday.

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MORE CARGOES HERE.

Frozen Herring Craft Now Arriving Daily.

Fourteen More Trips Due for American Market.

Since Saturday's last report, three more of the Bay of Islands, N. F., frozen herring fleet have arrived at this port, schs. Corsair, with a full load of frozen herring, and schs. Arkona and Harvard, each with part frozen and part salt herring. As near as can be figured, this leaves 14 more vessels to come with frozen herring for the American markets, the crafts being schs. Veda M. McKown, Blanche, Oregon, Senator Gardner, Essex, Maggie and May, George Parker, Aloha and Lena and Maud of this port, schs. T. M. Nicholson and Hiram Lowell of Bucksport, the chartered British schs. Ethel and Aldine and the British sch. Douglass Adams. Some of these crafts have some salt herring, but the great bulk of the loads are frozen. Sch. Ethel will bring her load to this port for the freezer, while sch. Aldine will go to Prior & Mahoney of Boston and sch. Douglass Adams will also go to Boston.

The British sch. Eva June and schs. Arcadia and Athlete of this port have gone to Boston with their cargoes of frozen herring.

Sch. Arthur James, which arrived Saturday, has sold her cargo to Boston parties and is lying here awaiting her turn.

Sch. Grayling is shipping part of her cargo by rail from here.

Sch. A. M. Nicholson, which went to Boston to take out her cargo of salt herring, returned here yesterday.

Sch. Clintonia has arrived at New York from here with her cargo of frozen herring.

The Br. sch. Athlon arrived at Halifax Friday with a cargo of pickled and salt bulk herring.

Sch. Lena and Maud cleared from Liverpool, N. S., for this port.

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Big Haddock Fare.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, Capt. Andrew Kenney, is at Boston this morning with a splendid fare, 65,000 pounds of fresh fish, 60,000 pounds of which are haddock. She will come pretty near making the biggest stock of the season at T. wharf.

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Sch. Arkona, Bay of Islands, N. F., 650 bbls. frozen herring, 750 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Harvard, Bay of Islands, N. F., 500 bbls. frozen herring, 300 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Circle, Rockland, Me., 1000 qtls. cured fish.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Galatea, shore.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.

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Boston.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 9000 haddock, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mattakesett, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 23,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 pollock.

Sch. Louis C. Cabral, 10,000 haddock, 800 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 65,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Hortense, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Arcadia, 500 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Sabine, 1000 cod.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Flavilla, 11,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Br. sch. Eva June, 1500 bbls. frozen herring.

Sch. Athlete, 800 bbls. frozen herring.

Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$2.50 to \$6; pollock, \$4.

Provincetown Notes.

Tugs Orion and Mercury tried to pull Boston trawler Buena from the Race Point sands Saturday at high water, moving her about two feet, it was thought, and heeling her off shore. The ballast had been removed from the vessel that day. At high water Monday morning the seas pounded fully upon the schooner's deck. Work of stripping the craft was begun during the forenoon of that day.

Weir No. 5 at North Truro has declared a dividend of \$35 per share.

Weirs four and five at North Truro pay a dividend of \$18 per share each for 1907.

The statement of the Harbor Weir Co. at Truro shows a net loss of \$364.89 for 1907.

January 21.

FISHERMEN WIN.

Pacific Halibut Catchers Get Raise for Their Work.

An adjustment of wages of halibut fishers of British Columbia went into effect January 1 as a result of a conference between Secretary Edward Rosenberg of the United Fishermen, and the managers of the New England Fish Company. The new scale of pay gives halibut fishermen one cent a pound for all halibut caught, large or small. Heretofore the fishermen have been receiving a cent a pound for large halibut, and half a cent a pound for small halibut. The two companies concerned in the agreement operate five halibut steamers out of Vancouver, and employ 120 men. The Halibut Fishermen's Union now has 500 members, employed on boats out of Vancouver, Seattle and Tacoma. Members of the union say the great advantage of the new arrangement is that it does away with danger of strikes or lockouts, as all the fishermen of this region now receive the same money.